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They were the parents of three sons and three daughters: Paul, Ray, Nile, Luvera, Margie and Nadien.

### RICHARD AND DIANA BRAZEL SMITH

Richard Smith was born September 19, 1792, at Holland River, in Sullivan County, Tennessee, son of Sir George Thomas Smith and Lear Agee, who was a descendant of the French Huguenots. Sir George fought in the Revolutionary War.

He and his son James left to us a record which says that he was a descendant of Captain Smith, whose life was saved by Pocohontas, or Captain John Smith's brother William.

The names left back to him are: Sir George Thomas Smith to William Smith to another Thomas Smith to James Smith to Captain John Smith, or his brother William.

Richard Smith married Diana Brazel on December 11, 1817. Diana Brazel was born October 9, 1797, at Greenville, South Carolina, daughter of John Brazel and Rebecca Pruett Brazel. They were of French descent.

John Brazel was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War. Richard and Diana Smith moved to Nauvoo about the year 1843, and their eldest daughter, Rebecca, was endowed there.

The Smith family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in the year 1850, then to Provo in 1851, and then to Heber in 1859.

Richard and Diana Smith were the parents of 13 children, all of whom were born in Gibson County.

Children: Rebecca, Phillip, Rachel Leah, John Smith, Thomas C., James A., William, Ephraim, Nancy Margaret, Adam Robert, Newell, Sarah Ann and Elizabeth Jane.

Diana Smith was blind the last twenty years of her life. Diana Brazel Smith died March 8, 1875. She is buried in Heber Cemetery. Richard Smith died on March 8, 1876.

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### JOHN AND MARGARET STEVENSON



Margaret Stevenson daughter of John Henderson and Margaret Laird, was born at Mirrston Lanark, Scotland, on May 7, 1837. She was baptized a member of the LDS Church at Auchinairn, Lanarkshire, Scotland, on September 24, 1849. Her father and mother had joined the Church two years earlier. She was married to John Ste-

venson on May 1, 1857, in Scotland. Although a good, honest man, he was not a believer in the gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints, which caused her a great deal of trouble throughout her life. But with it all she was true and faithful to him, and she retained his love and confidence up to the time of his death.

In the year 1858 they came to the United States. John, being a coal miner, found work near McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where they lived until 1863. Soon after their arrival in America, Sister Stevenson began working to save money enough to bring her parents and their family to America. By taking in boarders and doing any other extra work she could obtain, she raised the money to pay their fare out to Pennsylvania in 1859. Her next great task was to raise money for their fare out to Utah. In 1862 she had sufficient money to send her father and his children to Utah. Her mother had died in Pennsylvania in 1861. In 1863 she determined to come to Utah with her family and also her husband, if she could prevail upon him to come. She made all preparations and by kind words and persuasion he was ready to start. When they reached the Missouri River he refused to go any farther and she would not consent to go back. He went to an officer of the law and secured an order authorizing him to take the children from their mother, but with the help of some teamsters from Utah, she got into a wagon and moved out a few miles so he could not find her. He then agreed to drive a team in an independent company, with the idea of yet finding his children and taking them back. They met once on the way near Fort Laramie and he told her he still had the writ authorizing him to take the children. She asked him to show her the writ and then tore it into pieces. He gave up the idea, but did come on to Utah. Sister Stevenson gave birth to a child while they were traveling, without assistance from anyone, but with the Lord's blessing managed to get along and attend to herself and her children, and arrived safely in Utah.

She came to Heber soon after, but took great pains to get word to her husband and they lived together as husband and wife until his death. She passed through many very trying hardships, at times al-

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